## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A recording media protecting mechanism in which a turn-on and turn-off operating section for a power switch is disposed at a position of locking and unlocking open and close of a cover of a recording media holding section in accordance with turn-on and turn-off of the power switch.
- 2. A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanism is for a digital camera and the cover of the recording media holding section is locked during the camera on duty.
- 3. A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 2, wherein the turn-on and turn-off operating section is a movable grip which serves to turn on the power switch and keeps the cover of the recording media storage section being held not so as to be opened.

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- 4. A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein the turn-on and turn-off operating section is a swinging switch which locks the cover of the recording media holding section when the switch swings in a in a turning-on direction.
  - 5. A recording media protecting mechanism claimed

in claim 1, wherein the turn-on and turn -off operating section is a sliding switch which locks the cover of the recording media holding section via an inserting pin into a hole and a lift cam.